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Research evaluation and scientific autonomy under pressure

Conference programme

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RESSH 2026 PROGRAMME

Side event - Open to all (no registration required):
Book Launch: "The Knowledge of Humanities" (2026) by Andrea Bonaccorsi
First volume of the Brepols' series "*Research on Research in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*"

Auditorium Santa Apollonia – Sala Poccetti, Wednesday, April 22, 12:00-13:00

Tim Engels and Emanuel Kulczycki
Introduction to the Brepols' book series RoRAHSS, Research on Research in Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

Andrea Bonaccorsi
The Knowledge of Humanities: A Comparative Epistemology of Historiography, Literary Criticism, History of Art, and History of Architecture

Gunnar Sivertsen
Reflections

DAY1
Wednesday, April 22
Venue: Auditorium Santa Apollonia

13:30–14:00 Registration

Opening and keynote (Auditorium Santa Apollonia)

14:00-14:15 - Welcome

RESSH 2026 Local organizer – Ginevra Peruginelli

IGSG-CNR Director – Enrico Francesconi

RESSH 2026 Chair – Mimi Urbanc

President ENRESSH – Michael Ochsner

14:15-15:00 – Keynote: Špela Stres - Jožef Stefan Institute (Slovenia)

PLENARY SESSIONS
15:00-18:40

Session 1.1 (Auditorium Santa Apollonia) – Plenary – <u>Artificial Intelligence and research evaluation</u> (15:00-16:30)
CHAIR: Jon Holm

Leena Wahlfors, Mikael Laakso and Janne Pölönen
Artificial Intelligence in Scientific Publishing: Possibilities, Threats, and Ethical Boundaries

Zoe Hope Bulaitis
Dark Academia as Counter-Imaginary: Aesthetic Student Identity and the Limits of Algorithmic Research Evaluation

Josie West
Negotiating Institutional, Commercial and Machinic Autonomy: Generative AI, Research Evaluation and the Politics of Digital Infrastructures in the UK

Drahomira Cupar and Nikolina Peša Pavlović
Human judgement in the age of AI: peer review practices and trust challenges in the SSH: insights from the University of Zadar, Croatia

Michael Ochsner
Objective vs. Subjective Evaluation in the Context of AI: What is "objectivity" in evaluation?

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee break

Session 1.2 (Auditorium Santa Apollonia) – Plenary – <u>Research evaluation reforms, governance and scientific autonomy</u> (17:00-18:15)
CHAIR: Gabi Lombardo

Mario Pianta
Confronting the reforms of Italy's universities. The experience of the Rete delle Società Scientifiche

Marc Vanholsbeeck, Sharon Lecocq, Eva Gerland, Brigitte Decadt, Judith Biernaux, Nienke Roelants, Jérôme Pourbaix, Madeline Simon and Titouan Teunens
The Impact of Global and European Transformations on Belgium's Federal SSH Research Ecosystem: Perceptions from Policymakers and Researchers

Stephen Wyber and Deborah de Angelis
Opening research information by law?

Nihan Soycan and Zehra Taskin
Research Evaluation as Academic Financialization: How Banking Logics Reshape the Social Sciences and Humanities

Session 1.3 (Auditorium Santa Apollonia) – Plenary – <u>Flash presentation of posters</u> (18:15-18:40)
CHAIR: Zoe Bulaitis (t.b.c.)

Oral presentation of posters (2 min. for each presenter)

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POSTER SESSION
Courtyard Auditorium Santa Apollonia (18.40-19:30)

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Joel Alhuay-Quispe, Lourdes Bautista-Ynofuente and Victoria Yance-Yupari
Latin America & Caribbean Retraction Watch: A Proposal Web Directory

Tamara Bueno Doral, Rubén Fuentes-Fernández and Noelia García-Castillo
Inclusive co-evaluation in social innovation and research: Case study and methodological innovation of a training program in entrepreneurial skills with refugee women

Benedetta Calonaci
The commitment of the University of Florence Library System to open science and excellence in research

Monica Di Luca, Paola Galimberti, Giuliana Rubbia and Alessandro Carosi
Towards a strategic view of research assessment: the CoARA National Chapter of Italy 2026-27

Joshua Eykens
Perspecti: A comprehensive research and citation database for scholarly works in the Humanities and the Arts

Miki Kallio and Marika Rauhala
CoARA ExPECT: videos to promote responsible researcher assessment (e-poster)

Vilma Lehtinen
AIbox – dashboarding algorithmic analysis tools for application processing in a research funding organisation

Gina Pavone, Simone Angioni, Miriam Baglioni, Alessia Bardi and Andrea Mannocci
Diamond Open Access in Italy: Evidence and Implications for Research Evaluation

Sara Santorsa, Emanuela Cilione, Isabella Florio, Giorgia Migliorelli and Maria Adelaide Ranchino
Cultural heritage as research output: GLAM Wikimedia projects at the CNR Central Library

Ayça Nur Sezen, Esma Bağcı, Ceren Bilge Seferoğlu and Güleda Doğan
Retractions in the Social Sciences and Humanities: Descriptive Evidence from Retraction Watch Notices

Mira Söderman
FIN-CAM: A tool for holistic and transparent assessment of individual researchers

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20:30 Dinner
Trattoria Napoleone – Piazza del Carmine 24, Firenze

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DAY2
Thursday, April 23
Venue: Aula Magna Rectorate University of Florence & Sala Strozzi

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9:00-9:45 (Aula Magna Rectorate) - Keynote: Francesca Di Donato – CNR, Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale (Italy)

PLENARY SESSION
9:45-11:00

Session 2.1 (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Plenary – <u>Quality, values and conceptual frameworks</u> (9:45-11:00)
CHAIR: Michael Ochsner

Eiríkur Smári Sigurðarson
Shielding Transformative Niches: From Value Capture to Collective Capabilities

Aldis Gedutis
What We Talk about when We Talk about Quality

Andrew Plume, Jingwen Mu, Silvia Dobre, Alvin Shijie Ding, Christopher Chan, Pragya Singh, Stuart Christie, Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen and Noelle Gracy
Development of a values-based approach to research evaluation and impact in the arts and humanities

11:00-11:30 - Coffee Break (Courtyard Rectorate)

PARALLEL SESSIONS
11:30-13:00

Session 2.2A (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Parallel – <u>Research evaluation practices across institutional and peripheral contexts</u> (11:30-13:00)
CHAIR: Emanuela Reale

Lottie Provost, Francesca Di Donato, Andrea Mannocci and Fabrizio Pecoraro
From Commitment to Practice: Implementing ARRA Commitment 2 in Career Progression Procedures at the National Research Council of Italy

Chiara Montagna, Giuliana Rubbia, Marco Anzidei, Rosaria Tondi, Sandro de Vita, Pietro Bonfanti and Gdl CoARA within Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (Ingv)
Reforming research assessment within an Italian National research center: hurdles and path forward

Augusto Clemente and André Brasil
The internationalization of Science in Latin America: a comparative assessment among seven universities of the Montevideo Group

Oswaldo Lorenzo-Quiles and Lucía Herrera-Torres
Research activity in peripheral university contexts: the case of a Spanish university campus located in North Africa

Marta Martorell Camps, Fatima Canseco-Lopez and Viviana Perez Clausen
Beyond Traditional Metrics: Key Value Indicators for Value-Based Research and Innovation Evaluation

Session 2.2B (Sala Strozzi) – Parallel – <u>Co-creation, collaboration and open bibliometric infrastructure to account for diversity</u> (11:30-13:00)
CHAIR: Ginevra Peruginelli

Xiaoting Chen, Isabelle Dorsch and Abdelghani Maddi
Journal Reputation and Scientific Autonomy in Open Access Publishing

Sara Martinez Cardama, Nuria Bautista Puig and Lisandra Otero Borges
Loneliness as an evaluative challenge for public institutions: towards a framework for recognising co-created research contributions

Yu Sasaki, Asa Nakano and Hiroshi Hashizume
Co-Creating Narrative Research Assessment: The COMON Experiment at Kyoto University

Luyu Du, Julia Melkers and Nicolas Robinson-Garcia
They Collaborate, But Do They "Co-Produce?" Examining Academic Scientists' Collaborative Patterns with Government

Daniela Armocida, Irene Piergentili, Maria Adelaide Ranchino and Benedetta Calonaci
Discoverability and Open Access: Library strategies and impacts on research evaluation

13:00-14:00 – Light Lunch (Courtyard Rectorate)

PARALLEL SESSIONS
14:00-15:30

Session 2.3A (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Parallel – <u>Multilingualism across disciplines and research evaluation</u> (14:00-15:30)
CHAIR: Janne Polonen

Takayuki Hayashi, Honami Numajiri, Go Yoshizawa and Shohei Okamoto
The Influence of Multilingualism and Output Formats on the Development of Research Topics in the Social Sciences and Humanities

Honami Numajiri and Takayuki Hayashi
Assessing the Visibility of Non-English Scholarly Literatures in Open Research Information Infrastructures: The Case of Japanese-Language SSH Publications

Ginevra Peruginelli, Virag Vas, Faro Sebastiano, Tommaso Agnoloni and Zehra Taskin
Multilingualism in research assessment: Insights from comparative surveys in Italy and Hungary

Quintin Kreth and Kean Birch
Multilingualism and Metadata: How Minority-Language Protections Influence Metric and Technology Skepticism in Canadian Research Evaluation

Tim Engels, Eugénie Delzenne and Eline Vandewalle
Exploration of the Pasteur's quadrant in the social sciences

Session 2.3B (Sala Strozzi) – Parallel – <u>Career, gender and effects of evaluation</u> (14:00-15:15)
CHAIR: Alesia Zuccala

Rita Morais
Reimagining Academic Career Assessment: Insights from Global Reform Initiatives to Broaden Evaluation of Academic Talent

Güleda Doğan and Zehra Taskin
Promotion as a Temporal Regulator of Scholarly Work in the Social Sciences and Humanities

Keiichi Oshiumi and Takayuki Hayashi
How Do Humanities Researchers Evaluate the Importance of Research Outputs? Evidence from a Questionnaire Survey in Japan

Massimiliano Mazzanti, Federico Frattini, Davide Antonioli and Loretta Missiroli
Research inactivity in Social Sciences: An incomplete and biased metric

15:30-16:00: Coffee Break (Courtyard Rectorate)

**PARALLEL SESSIONS
16:00-17:15**

Session 2.4A (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Parallel – <u>Criteria, excellence and dynamics in research evaluation</u> (16:00-17:15)
CHAIR: Zehra Taskin

Maura Coniglione, Luca Falzea, Arianna Montorsi, Giuliana Rubbia Rinaldi and Helene Schiffbaenker
What is inclusive excellence? Reflections on excellence and equality in research evaluation

Janne Pölönen, Ginevra Peruginelli, Maria Pietilä, Sebastiano Faro and Sakari Melander
See you in Court! Judicial dynamics in responsible research evaluation

Valentina Carazzolo, Emanuela Reale and Andrea Orazio Spinello
Under evaluation pressure: How research evaluation shapes academics' community engagement practices

Masaru Karube, Yasushi Hara, Lei Yu and Yuki Miyazawa
Stability and Change: Disciplinary Heterogeneity and Regional Dynamics in the Research Evaluation of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Japan

Session 2.4B (Sala Strozzi) – Parallel – <u>Governance and politics of research systems</u> (16:00-17:15)
CHAIR: Nataša Jermen

Maryna Nazarovets
University Journals in a Stratified Evaluation Regime: Autonomy, Evaluation, and State Control of Scholarly Publishing in Ukraine (as a case)

Alda Sanchez
Strategic Funding Priorities, Scientific Sovereignty, and the Political Economy of Science: The Brazilian Experience in Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy

Emmanuelle Pensec and Geoffrey Williams
From SDGs to ISO standards: An opportunity more than a constraint

Brigida Blasi, Marco Malgarini and Sandra Romagnosi
From Third Mission to Knowledge Valorisation: Societal Impact and SSH Case Studies in the Italian VQR 2020–2024

PLENARY SESSION
17:30-18:45

Session 2.5 (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Plenary – <u>Societal impact and public engagement</u> (17:30-18:45)
CHAIR: Andrea Bonaccorsi

Gunnar Sivertsen, Nataša Jermen and Elea Giménez Toledo
Advancing Research on the Knowledge Exchange of the SSH with Society

Emanuela Reale
The Future of Research Societal Impact in Universities and Public Research Organizations: What Changes We Need?

Núria Bautista, Enrique Orduña-Malea and Rodrigo Lozano
Beyond Outputs: Measuring Public Engagement in Social Sciences

Estradivari Estradivari and Michael Ochsner
Integrating Societal Impacts into Evaluation Frameworks: Introduction to and SSH-Related Comments on the Report from the CoARA WG Transformative Research Assessment

18:45 - 19:20 Meeting of ENRESSH-European Network for Reseach Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanieties

DAY 3
Friday, April 24
Venue: Aula Magna Rectorate University of Florence

PLENARY SESSIONS
09:00-13:45

Session 3.1 (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Plenary – <u>Open research and infrastructure</u> (09:00-10:30)
CHAIR: Iva Melinščak Zlodi

Aube Richebourg and Didier Torny
Infrastructural Constraints on the Move towards Open Research Information Systems: Analysing the Invisible Work of Metadata Curators

Lucia Cespedes, Alexandra Michaud, Arilys Jia, Adrien Savard-Arseneault, Anne-Marie Fortier, René Audet, Vanessa Allnutt and Vincent Larivière
Current practices and future challenges in open peer review among Canadian scholarly journals

Paola Galimberti, Carolina Manfredini and Margherita Criveller
Open Science and its role in research evaluation: cultural change, open infrastructures and scientific autonomy at the University of Milan

Elena Giglia
Open Science and research assessment criteria: a two-ways path

Paolo Valente and Roberta Vigni
EU and National Policies on Research Security: Implications for Open Science and Researchers' Freedom

10:30-11:00 - Coffee Break (Courtyard Rectorate)

Session 3.2 (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Plenary – <u>Bibliometrics, LLMs and research integrity</u> (11:00-12:15)
CHAIR: Tommaso Agnoloni

Alesia Zuccala
Topic Concentration in SSH Funding Portfolios: A Large Language Model Assisted Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis

Shir Aviv-Reuven, Lutz Bornmann and Ariel Rosenfeld
Can Large Language Models Validly Identify Comparable Peers for Researcher Benchmarking?

Janne Niemi
Evaluating a Machine-Learning Based Reviewer Matching Tool Across Disciplines: Early Evidence of Field-Sensitive Performance and Implications for SSH

Laura Giovinazzi
Paper Mills: objects of fraud and mirrors of managerial research governance

Session 3.3 (Aula Magna Rectorate) – Plenary – <u>Rethinking indicators, metrics and evaluation tools for SSH (12:15:13:30)</u>
CHAIR: Abdelghani Maddi

Andrea Di Renzoni and Costanza Miliani
Counting the Uncountable? Bibliometric Infrastructures, Interdisciplinarity, and Responsible Research Evaluation: The Case of CNR-ISPC

Andrea Bonaccorsi
Bibliographies and the bibliometrics of books. New tools for a fair research assessment in humanities

Iva Melinščak Zlodi
Points of Friction between CoARA Principles and Current Evaluative Frameworks at the National, Institutional and Individual Level: Preliminary Results from the RIF4HSS Project

Jon Holm
Next generation SSH-evaluation in Norway: From indicators to ontologies

13:30- 13:45 Conference Closing